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FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT

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SUBJECT: UNESCO FUNDING: CONVERSATION WITH ISRAEL
PERMREP

REF: TOUSSAINT - JONES TEL CON, MARCH 17

1. WE PHONED JOFFE, GOI PERMREP AND CANDIDLY POSED THE
PROBLEM RAISED BY THE LOWER FIGURE ADOPTED BY THE
SENATE COMMITTEE. WE TOLD JOFFE THAT WE HAD JUST TALKED
WITH NAJMAN AND HE WAS POSITIVE THAT IF THE ONE YEAR
FIGURE STANDS A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CON-
FERENCE WILL BE NEEDED. WE SUGGESTED TO JOFFE THAT HE
VERIFY THIS BY TALKING WITH NAJMAN. WE SAID THAT IT
WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF GOI COULD INDICATE IN
WASHINGTON THAT IT WANTED TO AVOID A SPECIAL SESSION
AND WOULD NOT OPPOSE AT LEAST TWO YEAR'S FUNDING ON
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THE SUPPLEMENTAL. JOFFE RESPONDED FAVORABLY AND SYM-
PATHETICALLY. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY HAD HOPED FOR THE
HIGHER FIGURE AND FULLY REALIZED THE DANGERS OF A
SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TALK
WITH NAJMAN REGARDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ONE YEAR
FIGURE. (JOFFE'S TALK WITH NAJMAN WAS VERIFIED TO US
BY A CALL FROM NAJMAN).

2. JOFFE SAID HE WOULD FULLY REPORT HIS VIEWS AND HIS CONVERSATION WITH NAJMAN TO JERUSALEM. HE SAID HE COULD NOT SEND A CABLE DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON, AS HE HAD TO REPORT FIRST TO HIS CAPITAL.

3. WE THEN ASKED JOFFE FOR THE LATEST GOI POSITION ON A LEMAIRE VISIT. HE SAID THAT IT WAS THEIR OFFICIAL VIEW THAT LEMAIRE SHOULD NOT COME UNTIL AFTER THE MAY ELECTIONS AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO M'BOW. JOFFE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE IN THIS POSITION AND SAID THAT HE RULED OUT ANY POSSIBLE ACTION PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY.

4. COMMENT: JOFFE SEEMED ENTIRELY CANDID AND COOPERATIVE. WE ARE CONVINCED HE FULLY COMPREHENDS THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN A SPECIAL SESSION. WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL EXERT ALL POSSIBLE INFLUENCES TO URGE HIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT IT DOES NOT OPPOSE AT LEAST TWO YEAR FUNDING IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL.
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